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PRC POSITION ON DIEGO GARCIA

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1. ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSIONS, PRC FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA TOLD AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILLESEE A FEW DAYS AGO THAT WHILE CHINA AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WITH AUSTRALIA'S OPPOSITION TO A US BUILDUP ON DIEGO GARCIA, THE AUSTRALIANS SHOULD NOT BE BLIND TO THE SOVIET THREAT IN THE AREA AND "INVISIBLE" SOVIET BASES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THRUST OF CHIAO'S REMARKS LEFT AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPANTS LITTLE DOUBT THAT CHINA HOPED AUSTRALIA WOULD TONE DOWN ITS CRITICISM OF US POLICY ON DIEGO GARCIA. THE PATTERN OF CHINA OPPOSING IN PRINCIPLE BUT SUPPORTING IN FACT US BASES IN WESTERN EUROPE AND JAPAN AS NECESSARY FOR THE TIME BEING TO OPPOSE THE SOVIETS IS, OF COURSE, A STANDARD THEME OF CURRENT PRC FOREIGN POLICY PRONOUNCEMENTS. CHIAO SEEMED TO BE SAYING THE PRC FEELS THE SAME WAY ABOUT DIEGO GARCIA.

2. FOREGOING IS OBVIOUSLY SENSITIVE ISSUE FOR AUSTRALIANS AND SHOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT, BE USED IN OPEN TESTIMONY ON CONFIDENTIAL

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